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## **COLLOQUIAL SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS IN BULGARIAN VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

**Abstract:** The study examines the subordinating conjunctions in verbal communication in Bulgarian that are specifically marked as colloquial in syntactic literature. The main aim of the study is to analyze and present the semantic-structural peculiarities of these subordinating conjunctions as well as their function in Bulgarian verbal communication on the basis of personally excerpted empirical data (recordings of the colloquial speech of colleagues, undergraduates, relatives, and people in the street), as well as through examples of spontaneous casual and live speech from TV productions and radio programs. Together with colloquial coordinating conjunctions, the specific constructions (repetitive, elliptic, etc.), the different word order, the asyndetic constructions (without conjunctions), the competition between parataxis and hypotaxis, etc. – the subordinating colloquial conjunctions form a part of the characteristic features of colloquial syntax which differentiates it from the syntax of standard language to a great extent.

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